

Annual Report

FOR THE TOWN OF

BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE



Year ending December 31, 1958

TOWN OF BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Annual Report

OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1958

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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS—1958

Moderator: James J. Page

Town Clerk: Ruth F. Page

Selectmen:

| | |
|------------------|---------------------|
| John Boutin, Sr. | (Term Expires 1959) |
| Osmon Collins | (Term Expires 1960) |
| James J. Page | (Term Expires 1961) |

Treasurer: Priscilla Boutin

Tax Collector: Francis H. Lackie

Supervisors of the Checklist:

Ethel A. Boutin Forrest E. Clark Lena Collins

Constable: Percival R. Gregory, Jr.

Highway Agent: John Boutin, Jr.

Library Trustees:

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Seraphine Harris | (Term Expires 1959) |
| Vevah Leonard | (Term Expires 1960) |
| Catherine Elliott | (Term Expires 1961) |

Librarian: Vevah Leonard

Trustees of Trust Funds:

| | |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Ira E. Elliott | (Term Expires 1959) |
| James M. Leonard | (Term Expires 1960) |
| Forrest E. Clark | (Term Expires 1961) |

Auditor: Ethel A. Boutin

Sextons:

John G. Elliott, Jr. (Mt. View and East Cemeteries)
Vernon Hatch (South Cemeteries)

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber: James J. Page

Fence Viewers:

Vernon Hatch Guy Labounty

Overseer of Public Welfare: Ethel A. Boutin

Health Officer: John Boutin, Sr.

Civil Defense Director: Ruth F. Page

Ballot Clerks:

Iona Boutin Mildred Elliott Grace Gregory
 William Harris

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next (the 10th) at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to vote and act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk; one Selectman for three years, John Boutin, Sr., being the outgoing member; one Tax Collector; one Treasurer; one Highway Agent; one Auditor; and all other necessary town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$91.64 as the Town's share for construction of highways (Town Road Aid).

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12.72 to the White Mountains Region Association for the purpose of issuing and distributing printed matter and advertising and otherwise publicizing the advantages of the Town in cooperation with the other towns in the region.

Article 4. To hear the report of the Library Trustees concerning the disposition of books and funds under their control and to vote on these recommendations.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year as recommended in the budget, and raise and appropriate all sums so determined.

Article 6. To hear the reports of officers and agents and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or sell any real estate acquired through Tax Collector's deeds.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a discount on property taxes paid before a date authorized by the Selectmen and to set the amount of said discount.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to dispense with the delivery of inventory blanks until April 1st.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to observe Memorial Day as in past years.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the playing of beano in said Town.

Article 13. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 31st day of January, A.D., 1959.

JOHN BOUTIN, SR.

OSMON COLLINS

JAMES J. PAGE

Selectmen of Benton

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON—1959

Estimate of Revenue for the Year 1959 Compared with Actual Revenue for the Year 1958

| SOURCES OF REVENUE | Actual 1958 | Estimated 1959 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| From State of New Hampshire | | |
| Interest and Dividends Tax | \$ 217.64 | \$ 200.00 |
| Railroad Tax—1957 | 13.45 | |
| Savings Bank Tax | 8.52 | 8.00 |
| Reimbursement a/c State and Federal | | |
| Forest Lands | 652.37 | 600.00 |
| National Forest Reserve (one-half) | 592.01 | 500.00 |
| State Share 1958 TRA | 431.94 | 180.50 |
| Class V Highway Maintenance Allotment | 181.54 | 181.54 |
| Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance | 540.99 | |
| From Local Sources Except Taxes | | |
| Dog Licenses | 35.00 | 35.00 |
| Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits | 77.18 | 50.00 |
| Income from Trust Funds | 125.69 | 125.00 |
| Income from Town Truck | 592.20 | 500.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 624.52 | 600.00 |
| Cash Surplus | 500.00 | 1,622.88 |
| From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes | | |
| Poll Taxes | 126.00 | 120.00 |
| Yield Taxes | 1,104.73 | 800.00 |
| Total Revenues from all Sources Except Property Taxes | \$ 5,823.78 | \$ 5,522.92 |
| Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes | 5,335.15 | 3,503.44 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | | \$ 9,026.36 |

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON—1959

Estimate of Expenditures for the Year 1959 Compared with Actual Expenditures for the Year 1958

| PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES | Actual 1958 | Estimated 1959 |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Current Maintenance Expenses | | |
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$ 463.00 | \$ 450.00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 398.28 | 400.00 |
| Election and Registration Expenses | 335.56 | 65.00 |
| Expenses Town Buildings | 97.50 | 100.00 |
| Police Department | 20.00 | 15.00 |
| Fire Department | | 100.00 |
| Health Department | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Vital Statistics | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Town Road Maintenance—Summer | 898.07 | 800.00 |
| Town Road Maintenance—Winter | 1,025.37 | 1,000.00 |
| Expenses of Town Truck | 870.42 | 800.00 |
| Town Road Aid | 272.58 | 91.64 |
| Library | 12.00 | 12.00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 202.84 | 250.00 |
| Memorial Day | 14.77 | 20.00 |
| Cemeteries | 162.50 | 150.00 |
| Regional Association | 12.99 | 12.72 |
| Interest on Temporary Loans | 22.50 | |
| Interest on Long-term Note | 57.09 | |
| Indebtedness | | |
| Long-term Note-Accelerated TRA Program | 431.94 | |
| Payments to Other Governmental Divisions | | |
| County Tax | 257.00 | 250.00 |
| School Tax | 5,250.00 | 4,500.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | <u>\$10,814.41</u> | <u>\$ 9,026.36</u> |

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION—1958

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Land and Buildings | \$ 88,060.00 |
| Electric Plants | |
| New England Power Co. | \$ 28,750.00 |
| N. H. Electric Coop., Inc. | 3,790.00 |
| White Mountain Power Co. | 35.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 32,575.00 |
| Stock in Trade | 300.00 |
| Horses (7) | 500.00 |
| Cows (100) | 11,000.00 |
| Neat Stock (12) | 900.00 |
| Sheep (1) and Goats (4) | 50.00 |
| Gasoline Tanks and Pumps (2) | 200.00 |
| Lumber | 120.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| TOTAL GROSS VALUATION | \$133,705.00 |
| Less: Veterans' Exemptions and Exemptions to Blind | <hr/> — 5,075.00 <hr/> |
| Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed | \$128,630.00 |
| Amount of Property Valuation Exempted to Veterans | \$4,575.00 |
| Amount of Property Valuation Exempted to Blind | \$500.00 |
| Number of Inventories Distributed | 85 |
| Number of Inventories Returned | 45 |
| Number of Veterans who Received Property Exemption | 6 |
| Number of Veterans Exempted from Poll Tax | 10 |

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE TAX YEAR—1958

Appropriations

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$ 450.00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 400.00 |
| Election and Registration Expenses | 300.00 |
| Expenses Town Buildings | 150.00 |
| Police Department | 10.00 |
| Fire Department | 100.00 |
| Health Department | 5.00 |
| Vital Statistics | 10.00 |
| Town Road Aid | 92.08 |
| Town Road Maintenance—Summer | 800.00 |
| Town Road Maintenance—Winter | 1,000.00 |
| Town Truck Expenses | 800.00 |
| Library | 12.00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 300.00 |
| Memorial Day | 25.00 |
| Cemeteries | 150.00 |
| Regional Association | 12.99 |
| Payment on Debt | 524.02 |
| Interest | 65.00 |
| County Tax | 257.00 |
| School Tax | 5,031.81 |

TOTAL TOWN AND SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS

\$10,494.90

Estimated Revenues and Credits

| | |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| Interest on Taxes | \$ 50.00 |
| Interest and Dividends Tax | 217.30 |
| Savings Bank Tax | 10.00 |
| Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands | 500.00 |
| Revenue from Yield Tax Sources | 965.00 |
| Dog Licenses | 40.00 |
| National Forest Reserve (one-half) | 500.00 |
| Rent of Town Truck | 300.00 |
| Income from Trust Funds | 125.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 600.00 |
| Cash Surplus | 500.00 |
| State Share TRA | 613.89 |
| Class V Highway Maintenance Allotment | 181.54 |

TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS

\$ 4,602.73

\$ 5,892.17

Plus Overlay

109.08

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION

\$ 6,001.25

Less 55 poll taxes

— 110.00

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES \$5,891.25
(Net valuation \$128,630 × Tax Rate \$4.58 = \$5,891.25)

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures, Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1958

| Title of Appropriation | Receipts and | | Total Amount Available | Expendi- tures | Unexpended Balance | Over- draft |
|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| | Amount | Reimburse- ments | | | | |
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$ 450.00 | | \$ 450.00 | \$ 463.00 | \$ | 13.00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 400.00 | | 400.00 | 398.28 | \$ 1.72 | |
| Election and Registration | 300.00 | | 300.00 | 335.56 | | 35.56 |
| Town Building Maintenance | 150.00 | | 150.00 | 97.50 | 52.50 | |
| Police Department | 10.00 | | 10.00 | 20.00 | | 10.00 |
| Fire Department | 100.00 | | 100.00 | | 100.00 | |
| Health Department | 5.00 | | 5.00 | 5.00 | | |
| Vital Statistics | 10.00 | | 10.00 | 5.00 | 5.00 | |
| Town Road Aid | 92.08 | \$ 181.95 ¹ | 274.03 | 272.58 | 1.45 | |
| Town Road Maintenance—Summer | 800.00 | | 800.00 | 898.07 | | 98.07 |
| Town Road Maintenance—Winter | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 | 1,025.37 | | 25.37 |
| Town Truck Expenses | 800.00 | | 800.00 | 870.42 | | 70.42 |
| Library | 12.00 | | 12.00 | 12.00 | | |
| Old Age Assistance | 300.00 | 540.99 ² | 840.99 | 202.84 | 638.15 | |
| Memorial Day | 25.00 | | 25.00 | 14.77 | 10.23 | |
| Cemeteries | 150.00 | | 150.00 | 162.50 | | 12.50 |
| Regional Association | 12.99 | | 12.99 | 12.99 | | |
| Principal of Debt | 524.02 | | 524.02 | 431.94 | 92.08 | |
| Interest | 65.00 | | 65.00 | 79.59 | | 14.59 |
| County Tax | 257.00 | | 257.00 | 257.00 | | |
| School Tax | 5,031.81 | 606.66 ³ | 5,638.47 | 5,856.66 | | 218.19 |
| | <u>\$10,494.90</u> | <u>\$1,329.60</u> | <u>\$11,824.50</u> | <u>\$11,421.07</u> | <u>\$901.13</u> | <u>\$497.70</u> |
| | | | | Overdraft | — 497.70 | |

Net Unexpended Balance \$403.43

1 Unexpended balance in TRA Joint Account 7/1/58

2 Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance-Crimmins

3 National Forest Reserve

Balance due—1957

One-half—1958

\$ 14.64

592.02

\$606.66

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1958

ASSETS

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Cash in Hands of Treasurer 12/31/58 | \$5,469.85 |
| Due From State | |
| Unexpended Balance TRA Joint Account | 181.95 |
| Unredeemed Taxes | |
| Levy of 1957 | \$151.93 |
| Levy of 1956 | 82.77 |
| Previous Years | 163.10 |
| | 397.80 |
| Uncollected Taxes | |
| Levy of 1958 | \$614.92 |
| Levy of 1957 | 91.40 |
| Levy of 1956 | 2.00 |
| Previous Years | 65.38 |
| State Head Taxes—Levy of 1958 | 125.00 |
| State Head Taxes—Previous Years | 5.00 |
| | 903.70 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$6,953.30 |

LIABILITIES

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Due to State | |
| State Head Taxes—1958 | \$140.00 |
| Yield Tax—Bond & Debt | |
| Retirement | 220.77 |
| | \$ 360.77 |
| Due to School District | |
| Balance of Appropriation | 3,486.20 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$3,846.97 |
| Surplus | 3,106.33 |
| | \$6,953.30 |

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Community Building and School | |
| Land and Buildings | \$5,000.00 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 1,000.00 |
| Town Office Building and Library | |
| Building | 300.00 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 25.00 |
| Highway Department | |
| Equipment—Truck and Snowplow | 2,500.00 |
| Town Safe | 50.00 |
| | <hr/> \$8,375.00 |

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Received from Motor Vehicle Permits | |
| 1958 Permits | \$ 624.52 |
| Received from Dog Licenses | 33.00 |
| | <hr/> \$ 657.52 |
| Vital Statistics | |
| Births— 2 | |
| Deaths—10 | |

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH F. PAGE

Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF PROPERTY, POLL, YIELD, AND STATE HEAD TAX WARRANTS

DEBITS

| SUMMARY OF WARRANTS | Levy of 1958 | Levy of 1957 | Levy of 1956 | Levy of 1955 | Levy of 1954 | Levy of 1953 | Levy of 1952 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Taxes Committed to Collector and Uncollected Taxes as of 1/1/58 | | | | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$5,891.25 | \$ 766.70 | | | | | |
| Poll Taxes | 110.00 | 52.00 | \$ 4.00 | | | 14.73 | 8.09 |
| Yield Taxes | 868.88 | 455.67 | | \$ 36.40 | \$ 6.16 | \$ | |
| State Head Taxes | 325.00 | 160.00 | 10.00 | | | | |
| Interest and Costs Collected | | 62.18 | | | | | |
| State Head Tax Penalties Collected | | 15.00 | | | | | |
| TOTAL DEBITS | \$7,195.13 | \$1,511.55 | \$ 14.00 | \$ 36.40 | \$ 6.16 | \$ 14.73 | \$ 8.09 |

CREDITS

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| Remittances to Treasurer | | | | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$5,335.15 | \$ 766.70 | | | | | |
| Poll Taxes | 68.00 | 48.00 | | | | | |
| Yield Taxes | 740.46 | 364.27 | | | | | |
| State Head Taxes | 200.00 | 150.00 | | | | | |
| Interest and Costs Collected | | 62.18 | | | | | |
| State Head Tax Penalties | | 15.00 | | | | | |
| Discount Allowed | 111.60 | | | | | | |
| Abatements | | | | | | | |
| Poll Taxes | | 4.00 | \$ 2.00 | | | | |
| State Head Taxes | | 10.00 | 5.00 | | | | |
| Uncollected Taxes | | | | | | | |
| Property Taxes | 444.50 | | 2.00 | | | | |
| Poll Taxes | 42.00 | | | | | | |
| Yield Taxes | 128.42 | 91.40 | | \$ 36.40 | \$ 6.16 | \$ 14.73 | \$ 8.09 |
| State Head Taxes | 125.00 | | 5.00 | | | | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$7,195.13 | \$1,511.55 | \$ 14.00 | \$ 36.40 | \$ 6.16 | \$ 14.73 | \$ 8.09 |

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1958

DEBITS

| | Tax Sale on Account of Levies of | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 1957 | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1953 |
| Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year | \$ 390.46 | | | | |
| Balance of Unredeemed Taxes—January 1, 1958 | | \$ 106.06 | \$ 92.30 | \$ 70.80 | \$ 28.91 |
| Interest Collected After Sale | 6.68 | 1.23 | | | 21.11 |
| | | | | | 32.11 |
| TOTAL DEBITS | \$ 397.14 | \$ 107.29 | \$ 92.30 | \$ 70.80 | \$ 50.02 |
| | | | | | \$ 72.59 |

CREDITS

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Remittances to Treasurer During Year | \$ 245.21 | \$ 24.52 | | \$ 50.02 | \$ 72.59 |
| Abatements during Year | | | | | |
| Decded to Town During Year | | | | | |
| Unredeemed Taxes—December 31, 1958 | 151.93 | 82.77 | \$ 92.30 | \$ 70.80 | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$ 397.14 | \$ 107.29 | \$ 92.30 | \$ 70.80 | \$ 50.02 |
| | | | | | \$ 72.59 |

Respectfully submitted,
FRANCIS H. LACKIE Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT AND DETAIL SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Received from Francis H. Lackie,
Tax Collector

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----|--------|-----------|
| 1950 Tax Sales Redeemed | \$ | 72.59 | |
| 1953 Tax Sales Redeemed | | 50.02 | |
| 1956 Tax Sales Redeemed | | 24.52 | |
| 1957 Tax Sales Redeemed | | 245.21 | |
| | | <hr/> | |
| | | | \$ 392.34 |

| | | | |
|----------------------------|--|-------|------|
| 1956 Poll Tax Abated | | 2.00 | |
| 1956 State Head Tax Abated | | 5.00 | |
| | | <hr/> | |
| | | | 7.00 |

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|------------------------------------|--|--------|----------|
| 1957 Property Tax Collected | | 766.70 | |
| 1957 Poll Tax Collected | | 48.00 | |
| 1957 Yield Tax Collected | | 364.27 | |
| 1957 State Head Tax Collected | | 150.00 | |
| 1957 State Head Tax Penalties Col. | | 15.00 | |
| 1957 Interest & Costs Collected | | 62.18 | |
| 1957 Poll Tax Abated | | 4.00 | |
| 1957 State Head Tax Abated | | 10.00 | |
| | | <hr/> | |
| | | | 1,420.15 |

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|--|----------|----------|
| 1958 Property Tax Collected | | 5,335.15 | |
| 1958 Poll Tax Collected | | 68.00 | |
| 1958 Yield Tax Collected | | 740.46 | |
| 1958 State Head Tax Collected | | 200.00 | |
| | | <hr/> | |
| | | | 6,343.61 |

Received from Ruth F. Page,
Town Clerk

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|--------------------------------|--|--------|--|
| 1958 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | | 624.52 | |
|--------------------------------|--|--------|--|

| | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| 1958 Dog Licenses | 33.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 657.52 |
| Received from Ethel A. Boutin, Constable 1957 Dog License | | 2.00 |
| Received from Trustees of Trust Funds | | |
| For Cemeteries | 67.44 | |
| For Highways | 58.25 | |
| | <hr/> | 125.69 |
| Received from Sale of Cemetery Lot | | 20.00 |
| Received from State of New Hampshire | | |
| For Town Road Aid | \$ 431.94 | |
| For Class V Highway Maint. | 181.54 | |
| Interest and Dividends Tax | 217.64 | |
| Railroad Tax—1957 .. | 13.45 | |
| Savings Bank Tax | 8.52 | |
| Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands | 652.37 | |
| National Forest Reserve | 1,184.03 | |
| Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance | 540.99 | |
| | <hr/> | 3,230.48 |
| Received from Truck Hire | | |
| Town of Benton | 468.00 | |
| State of New Hampshire | | |
| County Road Work | 71.20 | |
| Other Work | 20.00 | |
| John Boutin, Sr. | 20.00 | |
| Paul Boutin | 8.00 | |
| Alfred Morrie | 5.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 592.20 |

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|----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Received from Woodsville National Bank | |
| Tax Anticipation Note | 1,500.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$14,290.99 |
| Balance on Hand 1/1/58 | 5,049.32 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$19,340.31 |
| Less Selectmen's Orders | — 13,870.46 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance on Hand 12/31/58 | \$ 5,469.85 |

Respectfully submitted,

PRISCILLA BOUTIN

Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Detail 1. Town Officers' Salaries

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------------|----|----------------|--------|
| James M. Leonard, trustee of trust funds | \$ | 8.00 | |
| Ira E. Elliott, trustee of trust funds | | | 8.00 |
| Forrest E. Clark, trustee of trust funds | | | 8.00 |
| Ethel A. Boutin, auditor relief agent | \$ | 20.00 10.00 | |
| | | | 30.00 |
| John Boutin, Sr., selectman | | 30.00 | |
| Tax Commission meeting | | 4.00 | |
| assessing | | 16.00 | |
| perambulation of Woodstock line | | 10.00 | |
| | | | 60.00 |
| Osmon Collins, selectman | | 30.00 | |
| Tax Commission meeting | | 4.00 | |
| assessing | | 16.00 | |
| | | | 50.00 |
| James J. Page, selectman | | 75.00 | |
| closing 1957 accounts | | 30.00 | |
| assessing | | 16.00 | |
| | | | 121.00 |
| Priscilla Boutin, treasurer | | 50.00 | |
| closing 1957 accounts | | 20.00 | |
| | | | 70.00 |
| Francis H. Lackie, tax collector | | 50.00 | |
| Tax Commission meetings | | 8.00 | |
| | | | 58.00 |

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|--------------------------|--------|
| Ruth F. Page, town clerk | 50.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 463.00 |

Detail 2. Town Officers' Expenses

| | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| F. J. Shores, Register, tax sales & transfers | 19.62 |
| James M. Leonard, mileage and dinners for trustees | 6.45 |
| Priscilla Boutin, postage and supplies | 15.36 |
| James J. Page, postage, supplies, and mileage | 8.82 |
| Osmon Collins, mileage and dinners for selectmen | 7.75 |
| John Boutin, Sr., mileage for selectmen | 4.50 |
| Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc., supplies | 9.21 |
| Courier Printing Co., Inc., town reports | 183.05 |
| C. R. Hardy, Treas., Town Clerks' Assn., 1958 dues | 3.00 |
| N. H. Tax Collectors' Assn., 1958 dues | 3.00 |
| George E. Quig Ins. Agency, officers' bonds | 28.60 |
| State Tax Commission, supplement to laws | 1.00 |
| Ethel A. Boutin, telephone and supplies | 3.15 |
| E. B. Mann & Co., supplies | 1.76 |
| Twin State Publishing Co., notice of meeting | 2.00 |
| Recording and Statistical Corp., auto guide renewal | 7.50 |
| P. R. Gregory, Jr., constable, fees | .40 |
| Ruth F. Page, town clerk, fees | 38.50 |
| Francis H. Lackie, tax collector, fees, postage, and supplies | 46.75 |
| Woodsville National Bank, charges | 7.86 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 398.28 |

Detail 3. Election and Registration Expenses

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|
| Courier Printing Co., Inc., notice of meeting | 1.80 |
| Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc., supplies | 5.76 |
| John Boutin, Sr., selectman | 24.00 |

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| Osmon Collins, selectman | 16.00 |
| James J. Page, moderator | 24.00 |
| Ruth F. Page, town clerk | 24.00 |
| Lena Collins, supervisor | 64.00 |
| Forrest E. Clark, supervisor | 64.00 |
| Ethel A. Boutin, supervisor | 48.00 |
| Grace Gregory, ballot clerk | 16.00 |
| Mildred Elliott, ballot clerk | 16.00 |
| Iona Boutin, ballot clerk | 16.00 |
| William Harris, ballot clerk | 8.00 |
| Osmon Collins, ballot clerk | 8.00 |

 335.56

Detail 4. Expenses of Town Buildings

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| P. R. Gregory, Jr., wood | 30.00 |
| Page Hill Farms, wood | 67.50 |

 97.50

Detail 5. Police Department

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| P. R. Gregory, Jr., constable | 20.00 |
|-------------------------------|-------|

Detail 6. Health Department

| | |
|----------------------------------|------|
| John Boutin, Sr., health officer | 5.00 |
|----------------------------------|------|

Detail 7. Vital Statistics

| | |
|--------------------------|------|
| Ruth F. Page, town clerk | 5.00 |
|--------------------------|------|

Detail 8. Town Road Aid

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank (Paid on long-term note for accelerated TRA program) | 92.08 |
| John Boutin, Sr., labor and chain saw hire | 109.50 |
| John Boutin, Jr., labor and chain saw hire | 30.50 |
| Joseph N. Boutin, labor | 20.00 |
| Lloyd Mason, labor | 10.00 |
| Town of Benton, truck hire | 10.50 |

 272.58

Detail 9. Town Road Maintenance—Summer**Labor**

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|
| John Boutin, Sr. | 162.00 | |
| John Boutin, Jr., agent | 109.00 | |
| Joseph N. Boutin | 60.00 | |
| Albert J. Boutin | 43.00 | |
| Homer Young | 8.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 382.00 |

Equipment Hire

| | | |
|-------------------|--------|--------|
| Arthur D. Bigelow | 175.90 | |
| George B. Tyler | 145.00 | |
| Town of Benton | 114.00 | |
| John Boutin, Sr. | 12.25 | |
| | <hr/> | 447.15 |

Gravel

| | | |
|------------------|-------|-------|
| Ernest G. Coates | 24.00 | |
| Norman Williams | 20.40 | |
| | <hr/> | 44.40 |

Supplies

| | | |
|----------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Robert Varney Lumber Co., Inc., planks | 24.52 | |
| | <hr/> | 898.07 |

Detail 10. Town Road Maintenance—Winter**Labor**

| | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| John Boutin, Jr., agent | 281.00 |
| Albert J. Boutin | 108.00 |
| John Boutin, Sr. | 88.00 |
| William Harris | 20.00 |
| Lloyd Mason | 13.00 |
| John Harris | 11.50 |
| Ernest G. Coates | 6.50 |
| John Elliott, Jr. | 5.50 |
| Joseph N. Boutin | 5.00 |

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Lewis Boutin | 4.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 542.50 |
| Equipment Hire | | |
| Town of Benton | 343.50 | |
| Town of Haverhill | 22.00 | |
| Don Girouard | 10.00 | |
| Ernest G. Coates | 3.50 | |
| | <hr/> | 379.00 |
| Repairs | | |
| R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc. | 40.90 | |
| Stoddard Implement Co. | 9.12 | |
| Ethel A. Boutin, | | |
| freight for repair parts | 2.90 | |
| | <hr/> | 52.92 |
| Supplies | | |
| The Holbrook Grocery Co., salt | 45.00 | |
| Parke J. Patten | 5.95 | |
| | <hr/> | 50.95 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 1,025.37 |

Detail 11. Town Truck Account

Gas and Oil

| | | |
|------------------------|--------|--------|
| Edith J. Yeaton | 235.20 | |
| Bearse's General Store | 43.02 | |
| Stub's Service Station | 42.41 | |
| J. and D. Fullerton | 6.55 | |
| Aldrich General Store | 5.54 | |
| | <hr/> | 332.72 |

Repairs, Maintenance, Etc.

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--------|--|
| H. O. Taylor Chevrolet Co. | 315.76 | |
| R. T. Bartlett Insurance Agency | 99.56 | |

| | | |
|----------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Stub's Service Station | 64.31 | |
| Bailey Buick | 15.13 | |
| R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc. | 9.32 | |
| John Boutin, Jr. | 2.30 | |
| Bearse's General Store | 1.38 | |
| | <hr/> | 507.76 |
| Work for State on County Road, Plowing | | |
| Snow (To be repaid by State) | | |
| John Boutin, Sr. | 15.30 | |
| John Elliott, Jr. | 3.33 | |
| John Harris | 3.33 | |
| William Harris | 2.66 | |
| John Boutin, Jr. | 2.66 | |
| Lloyd Mason | 2.66 | |
| | <hr/> | 29.94 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 870.42 |
| Detail 12. Library | | |
| Vevah Leonard, librarian | | 12.00 |
| Detail 13. Old Age Assistance | | |
| State of New Hampshire | | 202.84 |
| Detail 14. Memorial Day | | |
| F. J. Norris Co. | | 2.91 |
| George Taylor | | 1.10 |
| E. B. Mann & Co. | | 10.76 |
| | <hr/> | 14.77 |
| Detail 15. Cemeteries | | |
| Vernon Hatch, South Cemeteries 1957 | | 12.00 |
| John Elliott, Jr. | | 147.50 |
| Kelley the Florist, Inc. | | 3.00 |
| | <hr/> | 162.50 |

Detail 16. Regional Association

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| White Mountains Region Association | 12.99 |
|------------------------------------|-------|

Detail 17. Interest

| | |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Woodsville National Bank, tax anticipation note | 22.50 |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, long-term note | 57.09 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|

79.59

Detail 18. Tax Anticipation Note

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Woodsville National Bank | 1,500.00 |
|--------------------------|----------|

Detail 19. Long-term Note

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank | 431.94 |
|----------------------------------|--------|

Detail 20. County Tax

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| L. M. Colby, Treas., Grafton County | 257.00 |
|-------------------------------------|--------|

Detail 21. School Tax

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Benton School District, appropriation | 5,250.00 |
|---------------------------------------|----------|

| | |
|-------------------------------------------|-------|
| National Forest Reserve, balance due 1957 | 14.64 |
|-------------------------------------------|-------|

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| National Forest Reserve, 1958 | 592.02 |
|-------------------------------|--------|

\$5,856.66

TRUST FUNDS

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds for Year Ending December 31, 1958

There are in custody of the Trustees the following Trust Funds bequeathed to the town of Benton. The income shown (\$183.94) is that received during the year 1958 and the distribution of income is as specified by the donors of the funds.

| NAME OF FUND | Amount of Fund | Distribution of Income | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | Cemetery | School | Highway |
| Ira Whitcher | \$ 513.19 | \$ 12.90 | \$ | \$ |
| Whitcher & Mann | 500.00 | 8.50 | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| Whitcher & Mann | 1,000.00 | 15.00 | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Whitcher & Mann | 1,750.00 | | 51.25 | |
| Whitcher & Mann | 1,750.00 | | | 51.25 |
| L. H. Parker | 200.00 | 5.00 | | |
| J. C. Speed | 126.08 | 3.79 | | |
| Whitcher & Kendall | 179.00 | 5.41 | | |
| Wm. T. Torsey | 43.09 | 1.30 | | |
| Samuel Annis | 43.08 | 1.30 | | |
| Jonithan Davis | 43.09 | 1.30 | | |
| George H. Clark | 179.58 | 5.42 | | |
| Ella Mann | 50.00 | 1.50 | | |
| K. L. Howe | 50.00 | 1.50 | | |
| D. M. & K. L. Howe | 100.00 | 3.02 | | |
| Isabella M. Tyler | 50.00 | 1.50 | | |
| | <hr/> \$6,577.11 | <hr/> \$ 67.44 | <hr/> \$ 58.25 | <hr/> \$ 58.25 |

All of the above funds are either deposited in savings accounts in the Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Company or invested in Government Bonds which are stored in a safe deposit box at the Lisbon Bank.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. LEONARD

FORREST E. CLARK

IRA E. ELLIOTT

Trustees

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Trustees of Trust Funds, Selectmen, Highway Agent, and Library Trustees and have found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ETHEL A. BOUTIN

Auditor

January 28, 1959

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE REPORT

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| Town Appropriation | \$25.00 | |
| Howard Tyler, donation | 2.00 | |
| Donation (unknown) | 1.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$28.00 |
| Paid for Dinner | | |
| E. B. Mann & Co., ice cream | 10.76 | |
| F. J. Norris Co., groceries | 5.91 | |
| George Taylor, bread | 1.10 | |
| | <hr/> | \$17.77 |
| Unexpended balance | | \$10.23 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$28.00 |
| June 1, 1958 | Memorial Day Committee | |

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
For Year Ending January 1, 1959

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Mrs. Ethel Boutin, Chairman | Term Expires 1959 |
| Mr. James Leonard | Term Expires 1961 |
| Mrs. Mildred Elliott | Term Expires 1960 |

Other District Officers

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Mr. James Page | Moderator |
| Mrs. Lena Collins | Treasurer |
| Mrs. Iona Boutin | Auditor |
| Mrs. Ethel Boutin | Clerk |
| Mr. Forrest Clark | Truant Officer |
| Mr. Ronald A. Perham | Superintendent of Schools |

Teacher

Mrs. Romina Boemig, Benton St. School, Grades 1-8

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School and Community Building in said district on the tenth day of March, 1959, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State Founda-

tion Aid Fund together with other income; the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town.

9. To see if the District will authorize the School Board to make application for, and to receive, in the name of the District, such advances, grants-in-aid, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government and/or State Agencies.
10. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

ETHEL BOUTIN

JAMES LEONARD

MILDRED ELLIOTT

School Board

BUDGET FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON 1959-1960

| | Paid Out 1957-58 | Budget 1958-59 | Paid Out to Jan. 1 '59 | Proposed Budget 1959-60 |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Administration | | | | |
| 1. Salaries of Dist. Officers | \$ 66.00 | \$ 62.50 | \$ 6.00 | \$ 66.00 |
| 2. Superintendent's Salary (Local Share) | 36.32 | 41.00 | 73.20 | 50.00 |
| 3. Tax for Statewide Supervision | 44.00 | 40.00 | 46.00 | 40.00 |
| 4. Salaries of Other Adm. Personnel | 42.77 | 41.00 | 13.00 | 50.00 |
| 5. Supplies & Expenses | 64.96 | 60.00 | 42.85 | 60.00 |
| Instruction | | | | |
| 6. Teachers' Salaries | 3,069.35 | 3,100.00 | 1,076.30 | 3,200.00 |
| 7. Books & Other Instructional Aids | 138.81 | 100.00 | 40.82 | 125.00 |
| 8. Scholars' Supplies | 319.61 | 100.00 | 11.69 | 125.00 |
| 10. Supplies & Other Expenses | | 10.00 | | 10.00 |
| Operation of School Plant | | | | |
| 11. Salaries of Janitors | 402.50 | 410.00 | 190.00 | 410.00 |
| 12. Fuel or Heat | 96.00 | 90.00 | 97.50 | 100.00 |
| 13. Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses | 88.44 | 75.00 | 38.34 | 85.00 |
| Maintenance of School Plant | | | | |
| 14. Repairs & Replacements | 108.27 | 75.00 | 73.11 | 75.00 |
| Auxiliary Activities | | | | |
| 15. Health Supervision | 3.97 | 85.00 | 37.65 | 85.00 |
| 16. Transportation | 275.00 | 300.00 | 341.25 | 250.00 |
| 17. Tuition | 3,078.20 | 4,000.00 | 1,679.00 | 2,800.00 |
| Fixed Charges | | | | |
| 19. Retirement & Soc. Sec. | 211.01 | 215.00 | 68.81 | 215.00 |
| 20. Insurance, Treas. Bond and Expenses | 54.44 | 55.00 | 54.24 | 55.00 |
| Capital Outlay | | | | |
| 24. Contingency Fund | | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$8,099.65</u> | <u>\$8,959.50</u> | <u>\$3,889.76</u> | <u>\$7,901.00</u> |

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1959-1960

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1959.

Total amount required to meet School Board's budget as itemized in Column 4 of the Budget Report.

\$7,901.00

Estimated Income of District

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Balance June 30, 1959 | \$ 200.00 |
| Federal Aid: Forest Reserve | 600.00 |
| State Aid | 2,700.00 |
| Income from Tuition | 200.00 |
| Income from Trust Funds | 50.00 |

We recommend that the District adopt the proposed budget and raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,901.00 for the school year 1959-1960.

ETHEL BOUTIN

JAMES LEONARD

MILDRED ELLIOTT

School Board

Recommended Motion

Moved that the School District raise and appropriate \$7,901.00 and to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against said appropriation such income as is estimated by the School Board, exclusive of State Aid, and upon the determination of the amount of State Aid to be received by the School District during the next fiscal year, to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against such appropriation the sum to be received from State Aid and with the School District Clerk certify to the Selectmen the balance as an assessment to be raised by the town for school purposes.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

July 1, 1957 to June 30, 1958

Receipts

| | | |
|------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Cash on Hand July 1, 1957 | \$ 43.90 | |
| Federal Aid: Forest Reserve | 714.64 | |
| State Aid: Foundation Aid | 1,975.98 | |
| Appropriation | 4,816.75 | |
| Balance Due on Prev. Approp. | 408.25 | |
| Other Sources: | | |
| Elementary Tuition | 175.00 | |
| Trust Funds | 58.25 | |
| Other | 12.07 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$8,204.84 |

Payments

| | | |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Orders of the School Board | \$8,099.65 | |
| Cash on Hand June 30, 1958 | 105.19 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$8,204.84 |

July 1, 1958 to January 1, 1959

Receipts

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Cash on Hand July 1, 1958 | \$ 105.19 | |
| State Aid | 2,750.78 | |
| Appropriation | 1,000.00 | |
| Other Receipts: | | |
| Tuition | 74.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$3,929.97 |

Payments

| | | |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Orders of the School Board | \$3,889.76 | |
| Cash on Hand January 1, 1959 | 40.21 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$3,929.97 |

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1958

Assets

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Cash on Hand June 30, 1958 | \$ 105.19 | |
| Accounts Due to District | | |
| From Town | 246.72 | |
| Overpayment Social Security | 8.37 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 360.28 |

Liabilities

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Excess of Assets Over Liabilities | \$ 360.28 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|

STATISTICAL TABLE

For 1957-1958

| | Total Enrollment | Total Average Attendance | Total Average Absence | Percent of Attendance | Average Tardiness |
|------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Benton St. | 14 | 13.5 | .45 | 96.7 | 6 |

Roll of Perfect Attendance

None

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1958

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Cash on Hand July 1, 1957 | \$ 43.90 |
| Received from Selectmen | |
| Current Appropriation | \$4,816.75 |
| Balance on previous approp. | 408.25 |
| Received from State Treasurer | |
| State Funds | 1,975.98 |
| Federal Funds—Forest Reserve | 714.64 |
| Received from Tuitions | 175.00 |
| Received as Income from | |
| Trust Funds | 58.25 |
| Received from Other Sources | |
| Refund—duplicate payment | 7.98 |
| Refund—State on per capita tax | 4.09 |
| | <hr/> \$8,160.94 |
| Total Amount Available for | |
| Fiscal Year | \$8,204.84 |
| Less School Board Orders Paid | 8,099.65 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance on Hand June 30, 1958 | \$ 105.19 |
| LENA COLLINS | |
| | Treasurer |

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Benton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958 and find them correct in all respects.

IONA BOUTIN

Auditor

SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 34
REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Section 5, Chapter 243, Laws of 1953 of the State of New Hampshire, requires that school district annual reports show the total amount paid to the superintendent.

One-half of the supervisory union expenses is prorated among the several school districts of the union on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30th. The Superintendent of Supervisory Union #34 during 1957-58 received a salary of \$7,422.00 which was made up as follows: \$4,250.00 paid by the State Department of Education from the per capita tax and \$3,172.00 prorated among the several school districts. Allowance of \$1,100.00 for travel within the Union was also prorated as stated above.

The table below shows the proration of salary and travel charged to each school district.

| District | Salary | Travel |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Benton | \$ 36.32 | \$ 12.59 |
| Easton | 45.04 | 15.62 |
| Franconia | 501.49 | 173.91 |
| Landaff | 85.65 | 29.70 |
| Lincoln | 1,097.04 | 380.44 |
| Lisbon Special | 931.14 | 322.91 |
| Lisbon Town | 227.75 | 78.98 |
| Lyman | 102.93 | 35.69 |
| Sugar Hill | 144.64 | 50.16 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$3,172.00 | \$1,100.00 |

RONALD A. PERHAM

Superintendent of Schools

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton:

I herewith submit my sixteenth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The total enrollment of the Benton Street School in 1957-1958 was 14, the average membership 13.9 and the percent of attendance 96.7. There were 14 pupils enrolled in other districts: one pupil attended Plymouth High School, one at Haverhill Academy, 5 at Woodsville High, 5 at Warren Elementary and 2 at Haverhill Elementary.

At the Benton Street School this year the total enrollment is 16 which includes one tuition pupil from Haverhill. There are two elementary and one high school pupil attending Haverhill, two pupils attending Plymouth High School, four pupils enrolled at Warren, and seven pupils now attending Woodsville High School.

This is Mrs. Boemig's fourth year as teacher at Benton School. With sixteen pupils in attendance and one or more pupils in each of eight grades, Mrs. Boemig has too little time to get in all of her classes and prepare adequately for them. Nevertheless she works industriously each day, keeps the children active at their school tasks and takes a personal interest in the welfare of each of the children.

High school work becomes increasingly difficult throughout the country. The State of New Hampshire has just completed Minimum Standards study with demand for an extended high school program. Every day we read newspapers asking for more emphasis on Science, Math and Foreign Languages. There are public demands that high school pupils work much harder.

This year several of the Benton children have found

that high school work is very difficult. Whether Benton children can be adequately prepared for high school work under the present one-room school organization is questionable. We should take a new look at the present school system and see what can be done.

The typical one-room school today maintains six grades or less. This practice permits the teacher to concentrate on lower grade work and at the same time gives the older children a chance to attend village junior high school and make an easier transfer to high school.

Your School Board is vitally interested in the education and welfare of every child. I wish to thank each officer of the School District and all members of the community for their help and cooperation towards a good school year.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A. PERHAM

Superintendent of Schools

**BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXPENDITURES 1957-1958**

Administration

| | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|----|-------|
| 1. Salaries of District Officers | | |
| Iona Boutin, Auditor | \$ | 6.00 |
| Ethel Boutin, Chairman | | |
| School Board and Clerk | | 25.00 |
| Mildred Elliott, School Board | | 10.00 |
| James Leonard, School Board | | 10.00 |
| Lena Collins, Treasurer | | 15.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | \$ | 66.00 |
| 2. Superintendent's Salary | | |
| Treasurer, Supervisory Union #34 | | 36.32 |
| 3. Tax for Statewide Supervision | | |
| Treasurer, State of New Hampshire | | 44.00 |
| 4. Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel | | |
| Ethel Boutin, Census | | 8.00 |
| Treasurer, Supervisory Union #34 | | |
| Superintendent's Secretary | | 29.77 |
| Forrest Clark, Truant Officer | | 5.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 42.77 |
| 5. Supplies and Expenses | | |
| N. H. School Boards Ass'n., dues | | 5.00 |
| Treasurer, Supervisory Union #34 | | 31.49 |
| Ethel Boutin, phone calls | | |
| and envelopes | | 2.00 |
| Edson C. Eastman, | | |
| general fund ledger | | 18.45 |
| Lena Collins, postage | | 2.00 |
| Bank Service Charge | | 6.02 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 64.96 |

Instruction**6. Teacher's Salary**

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Romina Boemig | 2,359.98 | |
| Treasurer, State of N. H., Soc. Sec. | 69.77 | |
| Collector of Internal Revenue | 524.00 | |
| N. H. Teachers Retirement | 115.60 | |
| | <hr/> | 3,069.35 |

7. Books and Other Instructional Aids

| | | |
|------------------------|-------|--------|
| Wilcox-Follett | 15.07 | |
| Houghton-Mifflin Co. | 17.21 | |
| J. B. Lippincott Co. | 1.02 | |
| Scott, Foresman & Co. | 43.29 | |
| American Book Co. | 6.08 | |
| World Book Co. | 4.71 | |
| Rand-McNally Co. | 21.83 | |
| Ginn & Co. | 5.64 | |
| Follett Publishing Co. | 14.68 | |
| Allyn & Bacon Co. | 9.28 | |
| | <hr/> | 138.81 |

8. Scholars' Supplies

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Peck Co. | 11.48 | |
| J. L. Hammett Co. | 260.32 | |
| American Education Publications | 9.20 | |
| Chas. Scribners' Sons | 3.44 | |
| Milton Bradley Co. | 29.22 | |
| World Book Co. | 3.14 | |
| Harr-Wagner Publishing Co. | 1.76 | |
| Lisbon Special School District | 1.05 | |
| | <hr/> | 319.61 |

Operation of School Plant**11. Janitor's Salary**

| | |
|-----------------|--------|
| Mildred Elliott | 402.50 |
|-----------------|--------|

12. Fuel or Heat

| | |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Iona Boutin, kindling | 6.00 |
| Ray Gregory, drawing wood | 30.00 |
| James Page, fuel | 60.00 |

 96.00

13. Water, Light and Supplies

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| N. H. Electric Cooperative, Inc. | 73.94 |
| Mildred Elliott, supplies | 5.40 |
| E. W. Bailey & Co. | 3.54 |
| Scruggs' Hardware | 5.56 |

 88.44
Maintenance of School Plant

14. Repairs and Replacements

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Iona Boutin, cleaning school | 32.50 |
| Mildred Elliott, part for furnace and shoveling snow | 4.00 |
| E. J. Yeaton, trucking planks | 2.40 |
| Aldrich Store, paint | 22.62 |
| Scruggs' Hardware, minor repairs | 37.05 |
| Varney Smith, planks & nails | 9.70 |

 108.27
Auxiliary Activities

15. Health

| | |
|------------------------------------|------|
| E. B. Mann & Co., medical supplies | 3.97 |
|------------------------------------|------|

16. Transportation

| | |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Marcia Anderson, Treasurer, Warren School District | 275.00 |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------|

17. Tuition

| | |
|------------------------------------------------|--------|
| M. Connary, Treas. Plymouth School District | 320.00 |
|------------------------------------------------|--------|

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|
| M. Anderson, Treas. | | |
| Warren School District | 875.00 | |
| C. Knox, Treas. | | |
| Woodsville School District | 1,233.20 | |
| W. Eichorn, Treas. | | |
| Haverhill School District | 650.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | 3,078.20 |

Fixed Charges

19. Retirement

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|
| Treas., Super. Union #34 | 3.95 | |
| N. H. Teachers Retirement | 156.86 | |
| Treasurer, State of N. H. | 50.20 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | 211.01 |

20. Insurance

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------|------------|
| R. T. Bartlett, insurance | 54.44 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| TOTAL | | \$8,099.65 |

Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1958

| Date of Birth and Name of Child | Sex | Name of Father | Maiden Name of Mother | Residence of Parents | Birthplace of Father | Birthplace of Mother |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Liv. or Stillborn | | | | | |
| January 14 Peter John Boutin | M | L John Boutin, Jr. | Iona V. Mason | Benton, N. H. | Lisbon, N. H. | Bath, N. H. |
| September 21 Albert Joseph Boutin, Jr. | M | L Albert Joseph Boutin | Mabel E. Guyette | Benton, N. H. | Woodsville, N. H. | Raymond, N. H. |

Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1958

| Date and Name and Surname of Deceased | Cause of Death | Age | Place of Birth | Mar., Wid. | Name of Father | Maiden Name of Mother | Occupation |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|----------------------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| January 30 Louis Duclos | Adv. Pul. Tuberculosis | 56 | Nashua, N. H. | M | Oscar Duclos | Georgiana Godbout | Mechanic |
| February 22 Edward H. Philbrick | Adv. Silico-Tuberculosis | 69 | Springfield, N. H. | M | Elwin Philbrick | Ella Sargent | Stock Clerk |
| March 26 Bridget Scanlon | Cardio-Pulmonary Insufficiency | 62 | Manchester, N. H. | S | Lawrence Scanlon | Katherine Conroy | Clerk |
| April 22 Mark R. Snow | Cerebro-Arterio Sclerosis | 75 | Eaton, N. H. | M | John Snow | Orra Robertson | Painter |
| May 4 James H. Moore | Cardio-Vascular Failure | 77 | Wilmington, N. C. | M | John R. Moore | Not known | Window Washer |
| 24 Augustin Normand | Adv. Pul. Tuberculosis | 66 | St. Reni, Canada | S | Zetherin Normand | Anna Talbot | Farmer |
| October 4 Patricia Ann Harris | Cerebral Deterioration | 7 | Haverhill, N. H. | S | William Harris | Seraphene Boutin | None |
| 9 Seth Green | Adv. Pul. Tuberculosis | 49 | Nashua, N. H. | M | Jack Green | Agnes Ledoix | Shoe Worker |
| November 11 Ida Cusson | Cardio-Renal Disease | 79 | Ashland, Mass. | W | Edward Pereault | Lucy LeBlanc | Housewife |
| 25 Julia Griggs | Chronic Congestive Heart Failure | 64 | Columbus, Ohio | S | Julian Griggs | Mary E. Davidson | Medical Sec'y. |

REPORT FROM THE WHITE MOUNTAINS REGION ASSOCIATION

1958 was a busy year for the White Mountains Region office, particularly in the information and transportation fields.

In view of foreseen drastic consequences, the Region took a very active part in representing our towns in fighting transport curtailment, particularly with regard to the railroads. We appeared at hearings in Concord, North Conway, and Littleton, and engaged in a considerable amount of travel and correspondence in the effort to prevent the Boston and Maine and the Maine Central railroads from cutting out their passenger service. While only limited success resulted, it should be pointed out that such curtailments will go through without even a delay if they are not strongly contested. We have also taken an active part in proceedings before the Civil Aeronautics Board in attempting to secure better air service for northern New Hampshire; the final decision on this is not yet in. In the meantime, we have worked with bus companies to publicize their service in the hope that bus travel may take up some of the slack.

Demands for White Mountains literature of all types continue to increase, and we have been considerably crowded to satisfy them. The new N. H. Montreal office, turnpike information booths, and new sources contacted while out of state have all upped the quantity of literature we need to distribute. As satisfying the requests for folders about our region means dollars to our towns, it is extremely important that we receive enough funds to supply the need.

We have continued our customary and tested programs of 4-H awards, Youth Awards in science, and of liaison with all types of organizations and departments who in one way or another are working for the benefit of our area and our state. We have confidence that 21 years has proved them worthwhile. We have continued to travel to areas outside our state to carry the White Mountains message, and have cooperated with attractions operators and others who are doing the same job in different ways.

We'd like to remind every town again in this legislative year that holding the line in taxes in New Hampshire will be possible to a large extent only as much as we continue to bring in out-of-state visitors to help finance our main sources of revenue (Ex: they pay over 40% of the gas tax and others). To do this, we have to continue to reach out and bring them in, and put up the small sums (which return many times over) that publicity costs. It's for our own benefit, and it **does** pay off. At a small outlay to any one town, an area publicity program operates that benefits **all** our towns. Our surveys in four consecutive years have shown consistently 2½ to 3 times the town monies coming back to the area out of just a few inquirers surveyed.

Your town's part in this work is important, and is appreciated. This is one way where we in New Hampshire can still do things for ourselves.

DAVID S. CASSEDY, Executive Sec'y.

